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Two Downtown Apartment Buildings Damaged By Fire

22 People Are Displaced By Fire

Approximately 22 people are being assisted by the American Red Cross of Southern Nevada after two downtown apartment buildings were damaged by fire late Thursday evening. The cause of the fire appears accidental. There were no fire related injuries; fire paramedics did assist two medical emergencies at the incident. Both were treated and released.

Fire dispatchers received multiple 9-1-1 calls at 8:15 p.m. that an apartment building at 209 N. Eighteenth Street (at Ogden) was on fire. When firefighters arrived on scene, heavy fire and smoke was showing between two 2-story wood frame apartment buildings with four units each at 205 and 209 18th Street. A large wood fence separated the properties between the two buildings and there was a very high amount of combustible items between the two buildings which served as the patio area for each of the apartments. The fire ran up the outside walls of the building and burned into the attic.

It took firefighters about 15 minutes to bring the fire under control. Most of the damage was on the outside and attic areas of the two building. At least two apartments had extensive damage to the interior. Damage was estimated at \$200,000.

Fire investigators determined the fire started on the patio of one of the apartments and quickly spread. The exact cause of the fire could not be determined, careless smoking could not be ruled out. It appears the fire was accidental.

Crews will be standing by for several hours to monitor the building to make sure there are no flare ups.

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